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Being a Christian is  
like being a pumpkin!

God picks you from the patch and  
brings you in.

(John 15:16)

Then washes all the dirt off of you.

(2 Corinthians 5:17)

He opens you up and scoops out all  
the yucky stuff. He removes the seeds  
of doubt, hate, greed, etc.

(Romans 6:6)

Then He carves you a new smiling  
face.

(Psalm 71:23)

And He puts His light inside you to  
shine for all the world to see.

(Matthew 5:16)



**Special points of  
interest:**

- Adult Crafts Octo-ber 6th 10am—2 pm
- Articles for the ALIVE! Are due in no later than Octo-ber 28th
- 4 Cents a Meal Col-lection October 28th
- Red Cross Blood Drive Octover24th
- Session Mtg Octo-ber 9th
- Movie Afternoon October 14th
- First Friday Prayer Celebration Octo-ber 5th

## Session Notes

### GOING GREEN---BABY STEPS

Session made a decision to “go green” in our congregation. This means using as many biodegradable and or recyclable products as possible. It is not always easy to find green substitutes for items we use, but we are searching for suitable products.

We will use up some products that we have on hand, such as foam coffee cups, plastic forks, knives, and spoons, cold drinking cups and so forth.

Green products will be put in use as we obtain them. Did you notice that we had new take out containers for the pig roast ? They worked well, were very similar in design to the former styrofoam product and are a green product.

We ask members of the congregation who are generous in supplying kitchen items, to no longer supply plastic forks, knives, spoons, drinking cups, or any styrofoam products.

If anyone spots a good substitute product somewhere, please pass the word along to a session member or leave a note in the message box in the narthex.

Each step we are able to make toward “greening” makes us better stewards of God's earth that we enjoy.

Submitted by the Members of Session

## Mission Project

Our Mission Team is once again collecting for the Adopt A Soldier project. Baggies will be placed on doorknobs the first Sunday in October, October 6<sup>th</sup>. All donations can be brought to the church and placed in the tote for collection. This collection of items will continue for the WHOLE month of October. At the end of the month a volunteer will then bring all collected items to Saratoga for distribution. Look for more info to follow. Thank you in advance.

# Announcements

## LENDING LIBRARY

There is a newly supplied library, located in the room just outside the bathroom area, that contains a variety of books, and DVDs.

We ask that anyone who borrows a book, to sign out the title in the looseleaf book located on the shelf of the bookcase. There is no limit on the time you have the book, but ask that you sign in when you return it.

If anyone has a book/books, or DVDs that you would like to contribute to the collection, please put the items in the basket on the desk so that an entry onto the inventory can be made before it is placed on the shelves.

Please feel free to share a review in the Alive, on any book you may have chosen to read.

## PONDER THIS....

- 1) Just because you're poor, doesn't mean you have to be poor in spirit.
  - 2) Just because you've lost faith, doesn't mean you can't learn to trust again.
  - 3) Just because you're afraid, doesn't mean you're doomed.
  - 4) Just because you're angry, doesn't mean you have to live in rage.
  - 5) Just because you've been wronged, doesn't mean you can't forgive, often forgiving yourself first.
  - 6) Just because you're hurt, doesn't mean you won't heal.
  - 7) Just because you fell back a few steps, doesn't mean your next step can't move you forward again.
  - 8) Just because it's very dark, doesn't mean there is no light ahead.
- AND..... just because you've been let down and disappointed, doesn't mean you won't find love. The kind of love that is safe, enduring and powerful.

Submitted by  
Mary Van De Water

## Building Team

The re-grading and re-pointing of the foundation on the north and south walls of the sanctuary, and the west wall of the fellowship hall have been completed. This was done to help divert rain water and snow melt away from the foundation. This helps keep water out of the basements. This does not prevent seepage into the basement areas due to the high water table in this area. According to the contractor the water table is three feet down in our area of the village.

The next project will be to have the bottom 2-3 boards on the north and south walls of the sanctuary section of the building removed, have flashing installed, and the boards replaced. The purpose of this work is to prevent the sill of the building from getting wet and rotting. Pulling the boards will allow inspection of the sill and repairs to be made as noted. There is an area of sill rot that exists where the rear staircase and former ramp were built against the building without proper flashing. That will be repaired during this project.

All of this work is important to complete before the building is painted. If we had waited until the painting project is underway, it would have slowed down that effort.

When the offer from an anonymous donor was received earlier this year, there were stipulations. One was that the congregation raise \$ 10,000 for the project, another was that the painting be accomplished in 2018. We recognized that the last time we needed to raise \$ 10,000 it took us 3 years, so we began the fund raising. It was also required that necessary repairs to the building needed to be made. This could have been in advance of the painting project or as part of the project.

Session began the search for firms that could handle this huge and complex job. We were eventually able to obtain bids from two firms. The bids have been presented to the donors. Good companies capable of this job were booked for 2018, so we anticipate being able to move forward in 2019.

Thankfully the members and friends of this congregation responded quickly and \$10,000+ has been raised. Funds are in the Building Fund account, and are reserved for the painting job.

Other money in the Building Fund account has paid for the foundation project, and will also pay for the flashing project. Thanks to all those who give regularly to the Building Fund. This fund pays for ongoing projects, and is available for major expenses such as replacing oil burners when needed.

Submitted by ,

Marie Bell and Amy Thetford

## Food Pantry Needs

As the weather gets colder and families need to spend more for heating needs, there are several items that are in short supply at the Salem Food Pantry. Donations of these items will help:

- Toilet Paper (individual, wrapped rolls)
- Paper Towels (individual, wrapped rolls)
- Feminine Products
- Shampoo/Conditioner
- Tooth Brushes
- Tooth Paste
- Kleenex
- Body Wash

Thank you in advance — Lonnie Rasmussen  
Food Pantry Coordinator

## Birthdays/Anniversaries

### October Birthday's

4th Seth Pitts  
7th Carol Wilkins  
Ruth Ihne  
20th Diane Jilek  
22nd Donna Phaneuf  
24th Kay Tomasi  
29th Nancy Roundtree

### October Anniversaries

8th Travis & Holly Keys

If you would like a birthday or anniversary published in the Alive!, Please contact the church office at 854-9471 or holly.keys@aol.com.

## Giving Update

**SEPTEMBER 2018:** Income: \$ 2,387.24 Expenses: \$ 5,689.60 **DEFICIT: \$ 3,302.36**

**Year To Date:** Income: \$42,090.31 Expenses: \$56,493.39 **DEFICIT:\$14,403.08**

So far this year we have transferred \$10,000 from our portfolio account to help cover expenses.

## Prayer Requests

If you need a prayer or wish to place someone on the prayer list, please complete this form, or one found in the Narthex, and give it to an usher or deacon.

Name of Prayer recipient: \_\_\_\_\_

Cause for joy or concern: \_\_\_\_\_

You name (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

# Scriptures

## October Scripture Readings

The Scripture readings you will hear in October will come from the following readings:

October 7th	Job 1:1,2:1-10; Psalm 26:1-12 Hebrews 1:1-4,2:5-12; Mark 10:2-16
October 14th	Job 23:1-9, 16-17; Psalm 22:1-15 Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 10:17-31
October 21st	Job 38:1-7 (34-41); Psalm 104:1-9, 24,35c Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 10:35-45
October 28th	Job 42:1-6, 10-17; Psalm 34:1-8 (19-22) Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 10:46-52

## Pastor's Schedule

**Pastor Donna's Schedule ...** To better serve the congregation, please note the days and times Pastor Donna dedicates to First United. She is also editor of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)'s magazine and is currently moderating the Welsh Presbyterian Church in Poultney, Vermont. She is with First United 16 hours a week and, as per Albany's Committee on Ministry, she preaches two-three Sundays a month with us. The other Sundays she is preaching at various churches in Albany Presbytery.

Her email is [pastordonna1@gmail.com](mailto:pastordonna1@gmail.com). Her phone number is 518-232-6295. Unless it is an emergency, she will respond within 24 hours. For pastoral care, please contact the Deacons and/or the Rev. Dr. David Simmons.

### Pastor's Schedule

**Sundays—7 a.m. to 3 p.m. (sermon prep, preaching, pastoral visits)**

**Mondays—8 a.m. to 11 a.m. (sermon prep, bulletin, calls, emails, prayer and planning)**

**Tuesdays—3 p.m. to 7 p.m. (office/community time, scheduled meetings, Presbytery work)**

**Saturdays—8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. (sermon prep)**

# October 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
		Wash Cty Band	Bible Study 8:30 am	Line Dancing 9:30am	First Friday Prayer Celebration	Adult Crafts 10-2
7	8 <b>COLUMBUS DAY</b>	9	10	11	12	13
Worship 10am	Cub Scouts 6pm Boy Scouts 7pm	Wash Cty Band Session 7pm	Bible Study 8:30 am	Line Dancing 9:30am		
14 Harry Booth	15	16	17	18	19	20
Worship 10am Movie Afternoon 3:00 pm	Cub Scouts 6pm Boy Scouts 7pm	Wash Cty Band	Bible Study 8:30 am	Line Dancing 9:30am		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Worship 10 am Worship & Music 11:30am	Cub Scouts 6pm Boy Scouts 7pm	Wash Cty Band	Bible Study 8:30 am Red Cross Blood Drive 1pm	Line Dancing 9:30am		
28 Roger Ellis	29	30	31 HALLOWEEN			
Worship 10am 4 Cents a Meal Collection ALIVE Deadline	Cub Scouts 6pm Boy Scouts 7pm	Wash Cty Band	Bible Study 8:30 am			

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**At First United Presbyterian Church:**

We believe that God calls everyone to serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ!

Join us on Sunday's for worship, music, and fellowship!

Service begins at 10 AM

"This Newsletter is made possible through our giving to First United Presbyterian Church"

## **Service Schedule for October 2018**

### Sunday, October 7th

Reader: Mary Van DeWater

Coffee Time: Diane Jilek  
Nancy Roundtree

### Sunday, October 14th

Harry Booth

Reader: Jean Skellie

Coffee Time: Dave & Irlene Mears  
Kim Skellie

### Sunday, October 21st

Reader: Marie Bell

Coffee Time: Valerie Roche  
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### Sunday, October 28th

Roger Ellis

Reader: Ruth Ihne

Coffee Time: Alberta Murn  
Sylvia Graham